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Application of: Kent C. COCHRUM *et al.* Group Art Unit: 1651

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For: HEMOSTATIC POLYMER USEFUL FOR RAPID BLOOD COAGULATION AND
HEMOSTASIS

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Please enter the following Amendment and Remarks into the file of the above-captioned Application in response to an Office Action mailed December 18, 2001. Applicants respectfully request consideration in light of the Amendment and Remarks.

AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please make the following changes to the specification:

Page 21, first full paragraph, please delete and insert the following:

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—Suitable hydroxyl group-containing substances are: polyvinyl alcohol, sugar alcohols, carbohydrates (*i.e.* saccharose, sorbitol), polysaccharides (*i.e.*, dextran, starch, alginate, cellulose), and hydroxol group containing neutral derivatives of the above compounds.—

Page 21, second full paragraph, please delete and insert the following:

—Examples of suitable bifunctional organic substances for preparing the hemostatic polymer composition of the invention include one of epichlorohydrin, dichlorohydrin, diepoxybutane, diepoxypropyl ether, ethylene-glycol-bis-epoxypropyl-ether.—

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